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COACH YOUNG DISCUSSES FOOTBALL AND WILLIAM & MARY'S PROSPECTS

Changes in Rules Have Failed to Accomplish Their Purpose. 'Varsity Showing Up Well



The football season of 1912 is now well under way, and from the spectator's viewpoint one can see a slight change, if any, in the game of last year. From the changes in the rules everyone was looking for a big advantage for the larger team and the corresponding increase of scores. And yet, when we look at the results of Saturday's games we notice almost the reverse. No definite reason can yet be given for this apparent fallacy, which, however, must be really due to the fact that the small college teams are stronger and the larger teams weaker, or that the greatest offensive plays are yet to be shown.

The main reason for thinking that larger scores will be the role this year was due to the fact that the attacking side is given four chances instead of three to make ten yards, thus making it only two and one-half yards to make on each down instead of three and one-third yards as previously. Another reason was the fact that the restriction on the forward pass, limiting it to twenty yards, was removed. This, it was generally believed, would compel the defense to open up in order to cover the increased territory. However, this has not taken place, for, instead of opening the defense, it practically closes it, and hence makes greater chances on the forward pass.

Another change in the rules, which was hoped would open up the defense especially between the ten yard line and the goal line, was allowing the forward pass to be received behind the goal inside of the ten-yard zone. This, evidently, has also lost its object, as it has only increased the alertness of the de-

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LITERARY SOCIETIES ACTIVE AND MANY NEW MEN INITIATED

Attractive Programmes Rendered at First Meetings of The Philomathean

There have been two meetings of the Philomathean Literary Society since the opening of College; these being held on the evenings of September 21st and 28th respectively. The first of these meetings was characterized by several enthusiastic addresses by Messrs. Thoms and Hamilton, alumni, and other old members of the Society, along the line of the values and significance of doing literary society work.

The second meeting was of the regular order—that is, the usual Saturday night's program was rendered, consisting of reading, declamation, oratory, and debate. The rendering of this programme is worthy of special commendation in that it was exceptionally good, and apparently was quite an inducement for new men to join the society. The present enrollment consists of about thirty members, of which nearly one-half are new students. Indeed this shows up well for the interest the Freshmen are taking in the work.

For the programme of the open meeting to be held sometime this fall, the following men have been selected: declaimers, Campbell and Elkins; debaters, Witchley and Cooper; orator, H. L. Harris; and editor of the "Philomathean Star", J. L. Tucker.

Owing to an unavoidable delay a similar article on the Phoenix is crowded out. It will appear next week.

ACADEMY NOTES

The William and Mary Academy opened under the most promising circumstances. The student-body is considerably larger than that of last year. With the exception of Prof. R. C. Young, who resigned his position to do work in the University of Chicago, the faculty is made up of the same men as last year.

The Board of Visitors has divided the sum of money which heretofore has gone to the College Athletic Association, and the Academy will receive a portion of this fund for the promotion of athletics among its students.

Professor Goodwin, through love
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W. AND M. LOSES FIRST GAMES TO VIRGINIA AND NORFOLK BLUES

Plucky Resistance Offered Superior Teams By the 'Varsity Eleven

The second of the season's contests was played on Lafayette Field, Norfolk, Saturday, showing great improvement in the Orange and Black line-up. The exhibition of football handed out Saturday came as a distinct surprise to the gunners after the heavy score suffered at the hands of the University. Though both games were stubbornly contested, the fight against the Blues' veteran team revealed new strength for the 'varsity. The weakness of the line noticeable at Virginia has been overcome and a clear gain in offensive play is apparent. Both games were snappy throughout. The locals were greatly outweighed by the opposing teams, Virginia's line weighing 185, the heaviest seen in years. Good gains were made on each team, and their lines held at times.

VIRGINIA GAME

Old style football was played, Virginia punting only once. Line plunges by Cooke and runs by Moxson and Thoms figured for Virginia. Only twice was the forward pass tried, working once. For William and Mary the offensive playing of Crockett was the feature. The quarters ended 20-0, 33-0, 53-0, 60-0. Line-up.

Virginia	Positions	W. & M.
Finlay	R. E	Jones
Woolfolk	R. T	Horne
Carter	R. G	Somers
Wood	C	Shelhorse
Jett	L. G	Addington
Redus	L. T	Deel
McDonald	L. E	Blitzer
Todd	Q. B	Tilley
Acre	R. H	Hubbard
Gooch	L. H	Crockett
Cooke	F. B	Wright
Referee—Varner. Umpire—Jones.		
Linesman—Hume. 10 minute quarters.		

BLUES' GAME.

Two touchdowns were scored by the soldiers from which one goal was kicked, score 13-0. The first quarter ended scoreless. Towards the end of the second quarter, with the hold on the Blues' 15-yard line, Geyer blocked a trial for goal, and Wemple sprinted 65 yards for a touchdown. In the last three min-

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MANY ATTEND FACULTY AND Y. M. C. A. RECEPTIONS AT OPENING OF SESSION

A Number of Addresses Made by Professors, Ministers, and Students. Refreshments Served

Two largely attended receptions ushered in the first days of the new session. On Monday, September 23, the Faculty tendered a reception, in the Ewell dining hall, to the students. The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the presence of two of the professors' wives, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Bennett. Dr. Calhoun presided and introduced as the first speaker President Tyler, who welcomed the new students to William and Mary, and commented favorably upon present prospects. Dr. Tyler was followed by Dean Hall, who delivered a stirring speech on the Summer School in particular and the Southwest in general. The new professor of the Classics, Mr. Clark, recently of Colgate University, spoke briefly on his department and its aims. Mr. K. A. Agee, Mr. H. R. Hamilton Mr. E. B. Thomas replied in behalf of the student-body. The speech-making was brought to an end by Professor Keeble, who spoke on the subject of unity and high standards among College men. Refreshments were served. The reception was a pronounced success and it is to be hoped that it will become a permanent feature.

Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION POPULAR

The following Thursday, September 26, was the occasion of the annual Y. M. C. A. reception, which was held in the Ewell dining hall. All the various college activities were represented. Many fair visitors, including the young ladies from the Institute, were present. After speechmaking came the very acceptable "eats," and the reception, always a leading social activity, gained still greater favor.

The president, Mr. H. L. Womack, introduced the speakers. Professor Keeble told of the benefits accruing from the Y. M. C. A. Mr. H. L. Harris and Mr. Oscar Deel represented their respective literary societies, the Philomathean and the Phoenix. The Rev. Mr. E. Ruffin Jones, of Bruton Parish church, spoke briefly on religious activity and its inspirations. He was followed by Dr. J. S. Wilson, who outlined the Honor System and the

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FOREWORD

Again, after a short period of suspension, THE FLAT HAT makes its appearance. The much-felt need which it has supplied so efficiently since its birth, has grown greater with the ushering in of another scholastic year, and the demand for its continuation has become imperative. Consequently it reenters the field of College journalism, with those in charge possessing no higher motive than that of supplying, with increased efficiency if possible, this increased need. There is a better reason now than ever before for the existence of the publication, and so long as the principle of progress is adhered to by both college authorities and student-body, its future is assured and also secured.

Then, since THE FLAT HAT is in a sense a necessity, should it not have the aid and cooperation of the entire student-body? The answer is self evident. The paper is to a considerable extent dependent upon subscriptions for its support. Subscribers are, in the main, limited to the students; and a partial student patronage must necessarily mean a failure to attain to the highest possible standard. So we make bold to say that every student should be a subscriber to THE FLAT HAT, since it is essential to the building and maintaining of a good reputable standard.

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Now, it is our earnest desire to have every subscriber get, at least, a dollar's worth of good out of the publication during the year. If any fail to do so it will not be our fault. We shall certainly publish the news, and pay honor to whom honor is due. A square deal for everything and everybody is one of our cardinal principles. If it is proper to render tribute to Caesar, it shall be rendered. We shall not, however, feel bound to keep silent on evils, if any should exist, when there is a chance of remedying them through our columns. There will be an expression of opinion from time to time, and it will be ours, not some one else's.

We are not a piping instrument to be used to gratify the desires and further the ends of selfish creatures. Yes, ours is an equitable basis; we have in view the welfare of William and Mary College, and not a part of it.

Here's hoping that everyone may find both pleasure and profit in subscribing to and reading THE FLAT HAT during the session of 1912-13.

IN THE NATURE OF OPTIMISM

We have never been characterized as being especially optimistic; rather have we been known to be pessimistic, though, it would seem, not always meriting such description when applied. However, there come times in the history of every one's life, when one is led, whether consciously by the application of some external force, or whether unconsciously by the guiding hand of some kindly spirit, to see the silvery lining of the lowering clouds and to bask in the pleasant sunshine. Right now we occupy this advanced position; to our mind there are many things to confirm the belief that William and Mary has not only a very successful year ahead of her, but many of them. It is not too much to say that the prospects of the venerable old institution are much brighter now than ever before in her history. She has received a wonderful impetus, and is beginning what appears to be a new era.

To point out the chief impellent force in this onward movement is wholly impossible. Suffice it to say, however, that there are a number of things which go far toward explaining why the enrollment has already passed the two-hundred mark with the biggest Freshman class in its history, and why sixty men are in attendance from Southwest Virginia. Very efficient among

these impetus-producing agencies are the extensive improvements about the College, and the various advertising mediums used to acquaint the people with the exceptional advantages offered here. The Summer Session of the College did a great deal to improve conditions, despite the fact that some said it would be a waste of time, energy and money.

It is indeed horrifying to learn of so many serious hazing affairs in different colleges throughout the country. But at the same time it is very gratifying to know that many schools are taking steps to abolish the practice. William and Mary is rather a pioneer in this movement, as hazing received its death blow here several years since.

Let this puerile, barbarous custom speedily become obsolete in all our institutions of learning.

To the new men: literary societies are the most valuable auxiliary to college work. Both the Phoenix and Philomathean stand ready and anxious to help you. Join and get the benefits which come to those who work.

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COACH YOUNG DISCUSSES FOOTBALL

fense in picking out possible receivers of the pass before they have crossed the line of scrimmage.

The first work of our team was tried on September 19 with a squad of twenty-four men, of which number, there were five letter men, four of them being first string men last year. The squad at once got down to hard work, and on Friday night of the week following the men, picked to go to Charlottesville, represented the best and pluckiest fighters, altho' somewhat green. The team was beaten by a larger score than was expected, yet no one is making excuses who really knows the inside of things, and what the plucky William and Mary team were "up against."

Of the old men that are showing up well there are: Capt. Tilley, who put up a good defensive game against Virginia, and who is doing all he can to make a winning team; Hubbard, Deel and Somers are showing up exceptionally well, while "Jack" Wright is surprising everybody by his increased ability in all departments of the game. Of the new men, "Pipe" Wright is doing excellent work on one end and Blitzner on the other. Horne, Shelhorse, Stone, Addington, Kyle, Shockley and Crockett are expected to be in the front before the season is over.

The squad taken as a whole compares as green or greener than last year, but what they lack in experience they make up in fight and weight. I believe we will turn out a team that will be a credit to William and Mary.

Dr. W. J. Young.

LITERARY SOCIETIES ACTIVE AND

facts of its origin in William and Mary. Mr. F. D. Goodwin represented the Academy Athletic Council, and Dr. W. J. Young, who dwelled at length on athletics, urged the moral and financial support of the College students for their teams. Mr. K. A. Agee, the Editor-in-Chief of The Flat Hat, announced his policy for the present year.

The closing addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Hethorn, of the Presbyterian church, and the Rev. Mr. Whitley, of the Methodist church.

MAGAZINE STAFF NOW COMPLETE

Owing to the fact that several of this year's magazine staff failed to return to College, elections were held in the two literary societies, which have charge of this publication, to fill the vacancies. The following men now compose the staff: Editor-in-chief, W. R. Dameron; associate editors, S. H. Hubbard, R. C. Warburton, A. W. James; business manager, J. Lewis Tucker; assistant business manager, D. M. Griggs.

W. AND M. LOSES FIRST GAMES TO

utes of play Jordan, Vaughn and Wemple, by repeated plunges and end runs, carried the second score across. Barry failed at goal.

Features of the game were the playing of Geyer, Wemple, and Pierce for the Blues and E. Wright for William and Mary. Line-up:

W. & M.	Positions	N. B.
Jones.....	R. E.....	Pierce
Stone.....	R. T.....	Geyer
Horne.....	R. G.....	Worden
Shelhorse.....	C.....	Jeffries
Somers.....	L. G.....	Webb
Deel.....	L. T.....	Queenstead
Addington.....	L. E.....	Pease
Tilley (Capt.).....	Q. B.....	Vaughn
Hubbard.....	R. H.....	Jordan
Wright, E.....	L. H.....	Barry, C
Wright, J.....	F. B.....	Wemple

Referee B. Hamond Johnson. Umpire—C. M. Barrey. Linesman—Furestein. Quarters 10, 7-10, 7.

ACADEMY NOTES

for the sport, is coaching the Academy football team this year. The earnestness with which the boys work shows that a winning team may be expected. The manager, Ed. Addison, has arranged a schedule, and a series of games will be played with Blackstone, Norfolk and Richmond Academies and also with Norfolk, Hampton and Richmond High Schools.



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IN AND OUT OF COLLEGE TOPICS

C. A. Scott visited his sister in Newport News Saturday and Sunday.

W. E. Somers stopped off a couple of days in Richmond as he returned from the Virginia game.

J. M. Patteson, who won the only scholarship in the academy last year, has been heard from. He is at V. P. I. on the football squad. He sends greetings to the boys whom he knew and a dollar for The Flat Hat.

J. R. McAlister, the mile runner on the College track team last year, has returned to college. He will try the track again, and is confident that he will be able to win some laurels for his alma mater.

Cecil Crockett, who signed up with the College eleven, has decided to return to the Academy team, since a ruling of the faculty prohibits his playing in any of the championship games.

O. W. Frey was in Newport News and Richmond last week on business for The Flat Hat.

R. A. Clary has resigned as a student in the Academy, and is now attending Columbia University school in Washington, D. C.

Jno. D. Moore, accompanied by his room-mate, H. V. Clary, visited home folks in Portsmouth Saturday the 28th.

Mr. R. C. Young, professor of Latin and French in the Academy last year, recently spent several days here before going to the University of Chicago where he will specialize in mathematics.

Among the prominent alumni now engaged in the teaching profession seen on the campus at the opening were: Messrs. J. H. Brent, A. B., '09, J. E. Healy, A. B., '10, and A. L. Thoms, B. S., '11.

Mr. W. K. Doty, founder and editor of The Flat Hat, spent the second week of College here with friends. He is now teaching at Tappahannock, Va.

BLITZER ELECTED BASEBALL MANAGER

At a business meeting of the Athletic Association held last week, Mr. Max Blitzer was elected baseball manager to take the place of Mr. W. E. Dold who failed to return to college. The election was a tie between Mr. Blitzer and Mr. J. H. Wright, each receiving 29 votes. The president decided the contest by tossing a coin.

Messrs. E. B. Thomas and B. A. Garth were unanimously chosen cheer leaders for the year.

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